

what he said, it's a turf battle. It was inadvertently changed last year. It was nobody's intention. We had it ironed out in the Banking Committee two years ago. We had everybody agree on it and it was left out in this bill last year. The battle here is that they are trying to guard their turf just like we had on the optometry bill. It was a turf fight. We have had...I think a year or so ago we had a battle on the real estate issue, who could sell real estate. I think in this case these public accountants have demonstrated their ability to do this work. The IRS accepts their work and I think that those that are insisting on the certified public accountants are just simply trying to guard that turf for them. I think we should correct this because it had been agreed on once before and I would urge you to support these amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Pappas, then Senator Haberman.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I again rise to oppose the committee amendments. Basically, what we are talking about here isn't a turf battle. You know, it may have been omitted last year but not by mistake. You look at it, the people that read the bill and voted on the bill and talked about the bill on both sides, they know what was going on and they knew they wanted to put this protection in for these type of people. They talk about truckers that they don't use CPAs, they use local people, that's not true. Most truckers use CPAs for their own tax returns too and many, many things, you know. They maybe can't afford it but they need the expertise. They need the experience. We talk about who can do what and who can't do what. I might even remind you that you cannot practice law in the State of Nebraska without passing the Bar examination, so, you know, that adds to what we are talking about here. We are talking about some type of test for experience and for knowledge. And also I might remind you that you cannot even drive that truck that Senator Johnson was talking about without taking a special test proving that you have got experience that you can uphold the laws of the state, that you know what you are doing and you know what you are talking about. So, again, I ask you to vote down these committee amendments and let's get on with the bill and try to get something else done this afternoon.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please. Then take your light off, please. Senator DeCamp. No, you will talk at the end of the group. All right, talk now then. Let's not mess it up. Let's go.